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SUBJ: TRIPOLI WATCH

1. REPUBLIC OF COMORO MINISTER OF FINANCE AND TRADE TAJ EDDIN MASSOUDI PAID A THREE-DAY VISIT TO LIBYA BEGINNING AUG 12. BRIEF PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE COMORO MINISTER WAS HERE TO GAIN LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF COMORO'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE ARAB LEAGUE. IN AIRPORT DEPARTURE STATEMENT MASSOUDI INDICATED THAT TALKS WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN "GOOD AND FRUITFUL."

2. MAURETANIAN MINISTER OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF TRADE UNIONS SHEIKH MA-AL AYNAYN DEPARTED TRIPOLI AUG 14 AFTER A BRIEF VISIT. THE MAURETANIAN MINISTER REPORTEDLY HELD TALKS WITH LIBYAN LABOR OFFICIALS CONCERNING LIBYAN MANPOWER NEEDS, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO SIDES REPORTEDLY ALSO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING AN ARAB INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION FEDERATION. DISCUSSION OF LIBYAN MANPOWER NEEDS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOURCE OF SPECULATION THAT MAURETANIA WILL PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF ITS LABORERS FOR LIBYAN MANPOWER NEEDS. THIS SPECULATION HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED BY RECENT STATEMENT IN LOCAL PRESS

THAT LIBYA WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING CLOSE
TIES WITH ITS WESTERN ARAB NEIGHBORS.

3. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA, PLFP POLITBURO MEMBERS
TAYSIR QUBBA-H AND ABU AL-ABD ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI
AUG 16. THE TWO OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HELD TALKS WITH
LIBYAN MAJOR JALLUD.

4. THE ZAMBIAN MINISTER OF ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS PAUL KUSAKA ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI AUG 17
FOR A 24-HOUR VISIT. THE ZAMBIAN MINISTER REPORTEDLY
CARRIED A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT
KENNETH QAUNDA TO COL. QADHAFI.

5. TURKISH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AGUZAN ASIL TURK
ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI AUG 19. TURKISH MINISTER REPORTEDLY
IS HERE TO PURSUE TURKISH EFFORTS TO BROADEN ALREADY
EXTENSIVE TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN LIBYAN DOMESTIC
DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES.

6. PLO CHAIRMAN YASIR ARAFAT VISITED TRIPOLI AUG 22,
DEPARTED THE SAME DAY FOR CAIRO AND RETURNED HERE
AUG 23. THE PLO CHAIRMAN APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING
HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT RECONCILIATION
BETWEEN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT AND LIBYAN CHAIRMAN
QADHAFI. ARAFAT PRESUMABLY IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO
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PERSUADE LIBYANS TO CEASE RECRUITMENT OF PLO ELEMENTS
FROM LEBANON.

7. CAMEROON FONMIN JEAN KEUTCHA ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI
AUG 23 FOR A BRIEF VISIT. THE CAMEROON FONMIN WAS
MET ON ARRIVAL BY LIBYAN SECRETARY OF ELECTRICITY
AND MEMBERS OF PROTOCOL.
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